

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 9. This sheet replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9. In Fig. 9, the box numbered 308 has been relabeled "Etching and Coating."

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 21-34 and 36-47 were pending. Claims 7, 36 and 43-46 are allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended. New Claim 48 has been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite "an organo-metallic coating being formed on said chemically-etched surface." Claim 7, which is allowed, also recites "an organo-metallic coating on the surface of the leadframe." None of the prior art references cited in this case teach or suggest an "organo-metallic coating" formed on a "chemically-etched surface." Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 2, 21-34, 37-42, 47 and new Claim 48 depend from Claim 1 and are also allowable. Claim 48 is supported in the specification at page 3, lines 28-29.

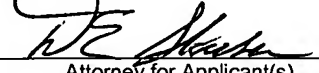
The title has been amended to reflect the pending claims.

Fig. 9 of the drawings has been amended to be more consistent with the specification at page 7, lines 19-20.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 2, 7, 21-34 and 36-48. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 982-8200, ext. 1.

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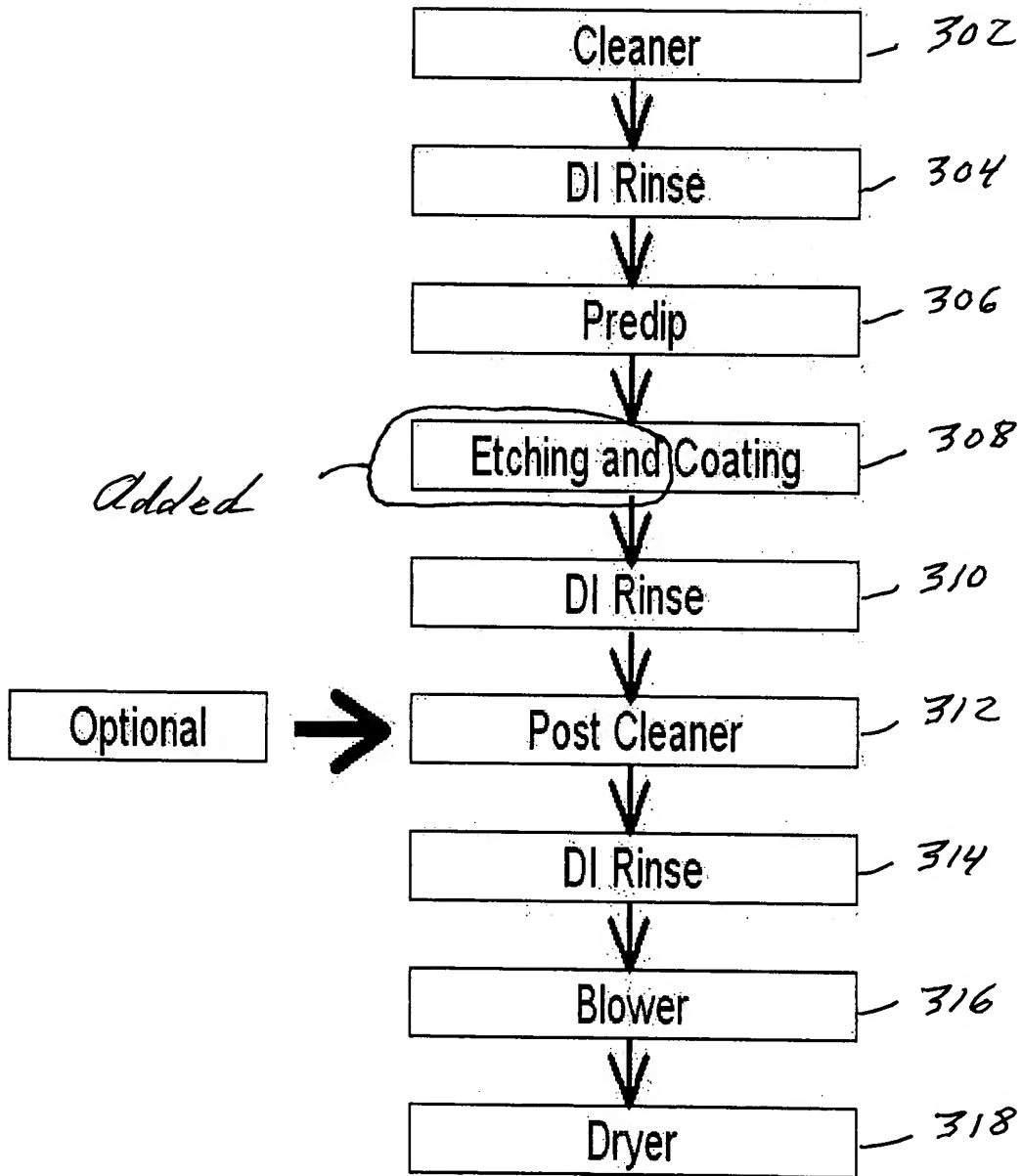


Fig. 9